

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, May 24, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Board member Mr. Hertzler called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Hertzler were Board members Mr. Klee, Mr. Watson and Mr. Lane. Board members Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence were absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

ARB #05-037 CWF/Wallace Decorative Arts Museum/321 Court Street – Fence – Approved.

ARB #05-040 Montessori School/420 Scotland Street – Exterior Change (outdoor furniture – tables and benches) – Approved.

ARB #05-038 South of the Border Restaurant/322 Second Street - Exterior Change (new color scheme & patio furniture & umbrellas) – Approved.

Mr. Hertzler motioned to approve the consent agenda with the removal of ARB #05-041 for further review.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Watson and Mr. Lane.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Abstain: Mr. Klee ARB #05-037 and Mr. Hertzler ARB #05-040.

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

ARB #05-031 La Casita/1647 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (new color scheme)

The Board discussed the proposed paint color (Martin Senour Everett Chamber Blue W-1229) with the color painted on the shutters and trim. Board members expressed concern with the paint color having a purple hue, which did not match the proposed Martin Senour Everett Chamber Blue (W-1229). Board members agreed the existing color was not acceptable and that the shutters and trim must be painted Martin Senour Everett Chamber Blue (W-1229) as proposed by the applicant. Board members noted

that if the applicant would like to paint the trim and shutters to match the background of the sign which is 3M Deep Red that also would be an acceptable alternative to blue.

Mr. Lane motioned to approve ARB #05-031 conditioned upon the trim and shutters being repainted Martin Senour Everett Chamber Blue (W-1229) or 3M Deep Red with staff verifying the building color being Sherwin Williams Downing Straw.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Watson and Mr. Lane.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

ARB #05-039 Waffle Factory/1605 Richmond Road –Addition

The Board table action because no representative was present at the meeting.

ARB #05-041 KFC/1545 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (replace four building mounted lights with four in ground up-lights)

Mr. Lane stated he removed this application from the consent agenda because the style of the light fixtures and there purpose was not clearly demonstrated in the application. Sylvia Bradley from AES Consulting Engineers explained that the RDB lights are flush ground mounted lights which would highlight the corners of the building. Mr. Watson asked if the 10 to 45 degree range RDB SPV-Variable Spotlight would be acceptable. Ms. Bradley agreed the RDB SPV-Variable spotlight with a range of 10-45 degrees would be acceptable.

Mr. Lane motioned to approve ARB #05-041 conditioned upon the 10 to 45 degree range RDB SPV-Variable Spot being used for the ground mounted fixtures.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Watson and Mr. Lane.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

SIGNS

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SIGN #05-016 Valero/602 York Street - Monument & Building Mounted Signs

Mike Swangan presented the application for the Valero signs and canopy noting the monument sign would have a dark teal background, sunflower yellow accent and white

lettering. The proposal is to change the canopy color from white to blue with white Valero lettering or logo as shown on the sign drawings.

Board members express a concern with the canopy color changing from white to blue and noted in the past their requirement for canopies to be white or off-white. They further noted denial of a proposal by Shell for a yellow and orange canopy for the conversion of Texaco on Richmond Road to a Shell Station. Board members noted a white canopy with dark teal lettering would be acceptable. Mr. Swangan agreed to the canopy change.

Mr. Klee motioned to approve ARB Sign #05-016 as presented for the monument and pump signs conditioned upon the canopy color remaining white with dark teal lettering for the Valero signs.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Watson and Mr. Lane.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

ARB

SIGN #05-015 Comfort Inn/1420 Richmond – Monument Sign

Colin Doyle of Talley Signs and Edward Hall, General Manager for Comfort Inn presented the application for the Comfort Inn monument sign noting the following colors are proposed for the sign: blue for the sign background, white for “Comfort Inn” and four yellow to orange to red colors for the logo “ball”.

The Board noted that the ***Design Review Guidelines*** limits the number of colors to three and the colors presented were not on the approved color palette. They also noted they could be flexible for registered corporate logo on the sign. Mr. Doyle gave the Board members a copy of a Federal Courts decision stating that no state or jurisdiction of the United States or any political subdivision or any agency thereof may require alteration of a registered mark.

Mr. Hertzler asked Mrs. Murphy to elaborate on the Board’s pass positions. Mrs. Murphy stated the Board can regulate sign colors and lighting noting Holiday Inn Express on Richmond Road kept their corporate logo with the condition set by the Board that the background be opaque. Another means of allowing the corporate logo would be to allow the colors with external illumination.

After further discussing the sign proposal, Mr. Hall agreed to externally illuminate the sign or have its background opaque depending upon corporate approval.

Mr. Lane motioned to approve ARB Sign #05-015 conditioned upon the blue background being opaque or the sign being externally illuminated.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Watson and Mr. Lane.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

ARB #05-042 Carlton and Nancy Abbott/411 North Boundary Street – New Office Building

Carlton Abbott presented his request for a new 3,000 square-foot office building noting the following:

- Brick is proposed with a standing seam metal roof pre-finished in a Dark Gray color.
- A majority of the brick will be painted white with white trim except for the easternmost bay across from the Community Building which will match other brick on projects in the area to include the Parking Terrace and Library.
- Aluminum clad wood windows in black similar to those on Barnes & Noble and The Precious Gem.
- Awnings will be installed at the top of windows on the front elevation to help block some of the sunlight coming into the building. Awning details will be presented at a future meeting.
- Entrance bays in the white section of the building will feature second floor balconies over the entrance doors.
- The rear elevation will have the same finishes as the front elevation.
- Trellises are proposed on the lower levels of the rear elevation to break up the mass.
- A hidden flat area on the roof will hide sky lights and vents for bathrooms and mechanical equipment.
- Colors and details are not finalized, but will be presented with final plans.

Mr. Klee expressed a concern with the balcony design. Mr. Abbott noted the pickets and railing on the balcony will match those used on the Community Building and that the balconies are designed to tie into the canopy and wall system, so no other intrusive support would be needed.

Mr. Lane expressed concern with the amount of glass on the street side elevation not meeting the **Design Review Guidelines** requirement to be under 30 % glass coverage.

Mr. Abbott assured the Board that once the awnings are installed on the windows that the amount of exposed glass would be under the 30% coverage.

The Board members thanked Mr. Abbott for his presentation and agreed that the overall design is moving in the right direction.

Minutes May 10, 2005

The minutes were approved with a minor change.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer